

The meeting took place at the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department Training Room located at 25 Vine Street, Fincastle, Virginia

**Members Present:** Mayor Smith, Ed Bordett, Paige Ware, John Thomas, and Richard Flora

**Absent:** Bill Gaul and Pam Binns

**Staff Present:** Town Manager, David Tickner and Clerk, Joan Boothe

**Also Present:** Scott and Susan Critzer, Sarah Rogers

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and determined that there was a quorum present for the purpose of conducting business.

**1. Reading /Approval of August 11, 2022 Meeting**

The minutes for August 11, 2022 meeting were approved as submitted.

**2. Additions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**3. Recognition VFW training accomplishments**

There were no presentations at this time.

**4. Reports**

a) **Financial**

i. **Approval of monthly bills for September 2022**

The monthly bills for September were approved for payment.

ii. **Treasurer's Reports – accounts for August 2022**

The August Treasurer's reports for General, Water/Sewer and Sidewalk Funds were approved as submitted.

b) **Management**

i. **Big Spring update**

The Town Manager stated that staff is in the process of revising and resubmitting the deed of dedication as outlined by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation. When this is completed, he anticipates receiving a release of funds. He added that this will give the town a bit of a financial cushion when moving forward with the trail portion of the grant.

He added that Engineering Concepts is in the process of submitting all required information under NEPA for the town.

Blue Ridge Wildlife has treated the pond a few times. The Town has submitted a work order with AEP to bring a third phase of power to the street light pole so that the aerator can be connected.

John Thomas recommended looking into solar power for the aerator. David Tickner stated that he has discussed this process with Andrew Brenner of Main Street Solar.

**ii. Fincastle Festival**

The Town Manager stated that the Fincastle festival is slated to occur on Saturday, September 24, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There will be a number of street closures to accommodate various activities, vendors and foot traffic. Notices are going out with the water/sewer bills with information for residents.

John Thomas suggested that the town contact some of the owners on Main Street and request that they trim bushes etc.

**iii. Town Council follow up**

Town manager thanked Ed Bordett for the research on potential plaques for the kiosk.

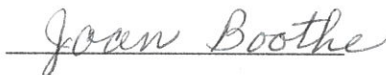
Council discussed a number of potential issues with lots and the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. It was suggested that that a letter be sent to all residents stating that issues with overgrown weeds, bushes etc. need to be addressed next spring. The mayor requested to conduct a windshield survey with the Town Manager prior to Council taking any formal action.

**5. Citizen comments**

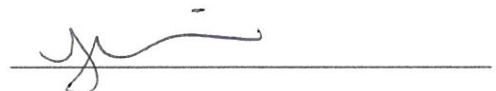
There were no citizen comments.

There being no further business council adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Approved:



Joan Boothe, Clerk



Mary Bess Smith, Mayor